

## **Providing Accountability Through Transparency Act—Proposed Rule Summary**

*Agency:* U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior

*Title:* Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status for the Eastern Regal Fritillary and Threatened Status with Section 4(d) Rule for the Western Regal Fritillary

*Docket number:* FWS-R6-ES-2023-0182

*RIN:* 1018–BF92

*Summary:* The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to list the eastern regal fritillary (*Argynnis idalia idalia*) as an endangered subspecies and the western regal fritillary (*A. i. occidentalis*) as a threatened subspecies under the Endangered Species Act. For the western regal fritillary, the proposed rule includes prohibitions and exceptions to the prohibitions that are necessary and advisable for the conservation of the western subspecies. For example, the proposed regulations would promote conservation actions by allowing exceptions for certain routine ranching, livestock grazing, and vegetation control activities that would improve or have only slight impacts on the western subspecies' grassland habitats.